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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Hubert SEIBERLE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2871
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Application No.: 09/890,553) Examiner: Huyen Le Ngo
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§ 371 Filing Date: August 2, 2001)

For: METHOD OF IMPARTING PREFERRED ALIGNMENT IN LIQUID CRYSTAL CELLS

Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment responds to the non-Final Office Action dated February 13, 2003. The period for response has been extended by two months to July 13, 2003, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee. Please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13 and 17 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a wall of a liquid crystal cell, comprising imparting a property to a layer of a material on the wall, said property being that liquid crystal molecules placed on the material on the wall in use of the cell adopt a preferred alignment,
- the method comprising exposing the material to unpolarised or circularly polarized radiation from an oblique direction,
- wherein the said property further includes imparting a preferred tilt as well as a preferred azimuthal alignment to such liquid crystal molecules,